March 30, 2004

WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) issued

the following statement on the

"Today, a vote to consider extending federal unemployment

benefits was held in the U.S. H

"Over the last four months, more than one million

Americans exhausted their state unemple

"This is only going to get worse. About 80,000 workers

a week nationwide will exhaust thei

"Republicans continue to use their power to provide

tax breaks and special deals for corpo

"Three million jobs have been lost and long-term unemployment

has tripled since the begin

"That's why I will continue to fight to extend unemployment benefits

for those who need the

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